

MR. H. N. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, HUNSUR RURAL CONSTITUENCY.—

Q.—21. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) How many Village Committees (talukwar) were constituted in the Province?

(2) How many are successful, how many have stopped work and how many did not begin to work at all?

(3) What is the amount collected by these Committees towards "Village Common Fund" and what is the amount contributed by Government as their share?

(4) Where are these amounts deposited? Are they in the custody of their respective Chairmen or deposited in treasuries in the name of Chairmen or Amildars?

(5) What is the amount deposited in treasuries and what in the custody of Chairmen?

(6) Were not receipts to the parties who paid the amounts granted? If so, in whose custody are the counterfoils?

(7) Have the accounts been checked by Government officers? If so, have they been found satisfactory?

(8) Were any amounts spent on village improvement works? If so, have they been spent in accordance with the resolution of the Committees or on the orders of the Amildars or Chairmen?

(9) What do Government mean to do with the balance?

(10) Why not these amounts be returned to the contributors as these Committees are not working?

(11) If the amounts collected are not utilised for the common interests of the villagers, does it not lead to suspicion and thereby bar the progress of village improvement works, etc.?

(12) Is it not necessary to see to the proper working of these Committees and to carry out village improvement works through them?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) The information required is contained in the Statement I placed on the Table.

Government Savings Bank or Co-operative Societies in the name of the Amildars or Chairmen and in a few cases are kept by the Chairman of the Village Committee concerned.

Rs. 11,21,115 in the Government Savings Bank,

Rs. 2,129 in Co-operative Societies,

Rs. 333 with Chairman,

Rs. 40 with Village Committees.

(6) Receipts have been granted to the parties, except in a few cases, counter-foils being kept with the patels or Chairmen.

(7) The accounts are reported to have been checked in a fair number of cases and found correct.

(8) Some amount has been spent on village improvement works in consultation with the Village Committees.

(9) As the Village Improvement Scheme is still in force, the balance will be spent on works useful to the villagers with the consent of the respective Committees.

(10) and (11) *Vide* reply above to item 9.

(12) The question of placing the Village Improvement Scheme on a more satisfactory basis is engaging the earnest consideration of Government.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. H. N. Raghavendra Rao, Hunsur Rural Constituency.

With reference to the answer to section (12) of my interpellation, that the question of placing the Village Improvement Scheme on a more satisfactory basis is engaging the earnest consideration of Government, will Government be pleased to state in how many years the scheme may be expected to be placed on a more satisfactory basis? In view of the facts that it is already ten years since the scheme was taken up and that a large sum of about Rs. 11 lakhs is locked up with Government in this connection, will the Government be pleased to pass early orders in the matter, or return the money to the people if the same cannot be done?

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The question of extending the scheme and handing it over to Local bodies is under the earnest consideration

of Government and additional budget provision will also be made therefor.

MESSRS. BALE SIDDALINGASETTI AND CHENNAPPA, YEDATORE RURAL CONSTITUENCY.—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What is the amount of estimate for Chamrajnagar Right Bank Channel?

(2) What is the amount actually spent on the project?

(3) Have all the branches of the channel been completed? If not, why not?

(4) Is the flow of water regular in all these branch *nalas*? If not, are not owners of lands under them put to loss?

(5) Is crop compensation being paid to such landholders? If not, why not?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The total amount of the estimate aggregates Rs. 16,08,323, details being as under:—

	Rs.
Revised sanctioned estimate for opening the Chamaraja Right Bank channel ..	14,29,704
Sanctioned estimate for opening 11th and 12th Branch channels ..	21,575
Sanctioned estimate for opening 13th and 14th Branches ..	17,136
Total ..	14,68,415

The above estimates were closed with works as they stood at the end of June 1921, with a saving of Rs. 37,092.

Thus outlay to end of June 1921 is ..	14,31,323
Amount of the estimate sanctioned in G. O. dated 31st December 1923 for the remaining works ..	1,77,000
Total ..	16,08,323

(2) Outlay to end of June 1921 is ..	14,31,323
Outlay to end of April 1924 against the estimate of Rs. 1,77,000 is ..	95,759
Total ..	15,27,082